

**Amendment to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 33, line 32, as follows:

-- Preferably, acidic lipopeptide antibiotics produced by culturing microorganisms are purified from fermentation broth or culture medium using extractive methods (~~Borders *et al.*, United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/948,374~~). The acidic lipopeptide antibiotic may be isolated as either the free acid or the salt. --